



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 10th, 2019, 5:30-7:30 pm

Campus Kitchen, Augsburg College Hagfors Building, Room 150A, 700 21st Ave South, Minneapolis

Members Present: (Quorum met) Alyssa Banks, Amy Maas, Andrea Eger, Beth Dooley, Dana Boyer, Emily Minge, Jason Walker, Council Member Jeremy Schroeder, Kate Seybold, Kristen Klingler, Mary Vorndran, Rachele Pass, Suado Abdi, Teresa Opheim

Members Absent: Deb Brister, DeVon Nolen, MPRB Representative, Heidi Ritchie, Jaime Harris, Kim Havey, Mai Yang, Sophie Wallerstedt, Tasha Powell, Tsega Tamene

Others in Attendance: Claire Baglien, Kellie Kish, Holly Lewandowski, Ari Benson, Heather Cusick, Jace Galley, Hannah Ramer, Esther Young, Natalie Jacobsen, Jim Doten

Staff: Tamara Downs Schwei (Homegrown Minneapolis/Food Policy Coordinator), Nicolina Moua (Food Policy Program Aide)

1) Call to Order

Suado Abdi called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm on behalf of the Executive Committee, as both Co-Chairs were absent for the meeting. Food Council members and community members introduced themselves.

2) Adoption of the Agenda and Acceptance of Minutes of March 13th, 2019 Food Council meeting

Jason Walker motioned to approve the agenda and CM Jeremy Schroeder seconded the motion, followed by unanimous approval.

Kate Seybold motioned to approve the March meeting minutes and CM Jeremy Schroeder seconded the motion, followed by unanimous approval.

3) Welcome Nicolina Moua and appreciation for Claire Baglien

Introductions were made for Nicolina Moua, who is the new Food Policy Program Aide for Homegrown Minneapolis and the Food Council as Claire Baglien has transitioned to a new Urban Agriculture Programs Specialist role with Homegrown Minneapolis. The group gave words of welcome to Nicolina and words of thanks for Claire's contributions.

4) Discussion, Vote: Regenerative Agriculture and Biochar Resolution

CM Jeremy Schroeder presented information regarding his intent to sponsor a City of Minneapolis resolution in support of regenerative agriculture and biochar. Tamara Downs Schwei and Claire Baglien provided overview information about regenerative agriculture. Jim Doten gave an overview of Biochar. Specific examples of potential practices that occur in Minneapolis were mentioned. Discussion and questions followed. Kate Seybold motioned to approve a letter of support from the Food Council for the proposed resolution and Beth Dooley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



5) Presentation: Crafting and outfitting your pack for zero waste

Amy Maas shared simple and affordable ways to reduce waste by carrying reusable containers/utensils, as well as repurposing items to replace disposable dinnerware. Kellie Kish provided instructions on how to repurpose old t-shirts into reusable bags.

6) Discussion: Homegrown Minneapolis Community Food Forum event overview and breakout group leader Instructions

Claire Baglien and Tamara Downs Schwei provided event updates regarding event registration, logistics, anticipated schedule, and goals of the event. Topic descriptions and discussion questions were confirmed after suggestions were made to change some language and word usage within the presentation and documents for clarity and intent.

7) Vote: Food Action Plan July 24 meeting date proposal & identifying data and people to engage in planning process

Tamara shared a proposed new date for the July Food Council/Food Action Plan meeting to address schedule conflicts with University of MN partners who will lead discussion, which was pre-approved by the Executive Committee. Kate Seybold motioned to approve changing the July meeting to July 24, Mary Vorndran seconded the motion, and the date change passed unanimously.

Due to time constraints, breakout groups did not occur but members were encouraged to reach out to their networks and people who are experts/very involved in the respective areas of the Food Action Plan regarding the upcoming meeting discussions.

8) Updates and Announcements

The Urban Agriculture working group will be holding a meeting in the coming weeks.

Community Garden Compost applications are due next week (Week of April 15th).

Members gave updates about various upcoming events within the community.

9) Adjournment

Council Member Jeremy Schroeder motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kate Seybold seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Reported by Nicolina Moua, Homegrown Minneapolis Food Policy Aide.

Next Food Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 15th, 2019

5:00 - 7:30 pm meeting at East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd Street NE, Minneapolis

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